
State Route 14 Corridor Management Newsletter

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WHAT'S AHEAD

Strategy Plan Adopted

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) concluded a key multi-agency cooperative effort with the signing of the "Strategy for State Route (SR) 14". The Strategy is intended to provide a comprehensive framework for addressing future transportation planning and improvements for SR 14 through the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area.

The six agencies involved agreed to work together on how to best maintain and improve the SR 14 corridor to safely meet a growing demand for the movement of people, goods and services while protecting the scenic, natural, cultural and recreational resources of the Columbia River Gorge. The cooperating agencies are WSDOT, the Columbia River Gorge Commission, the US Forest Service, the Skamania County and Klickitat County Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) and the Regional Transportation Council.

Copies of the Strategy are available from the WSDOT Planning Office in Vancouver.



Planning Efforts Continue

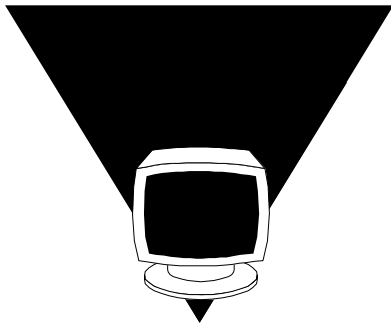
The SR 14 Corridor Management Planning effort continues with public meetings held last November (1996) and others to take place over the next several months. These meetings are vital to the successful completion of the SR 14 Management Plan and encourage all interested parties to participate. The Management Plan elements, to be completed in 1997 are: a survey of historic transportation features on SR 14, a survey of truck movement on SR 14, the development of design guidelines for future roadway projects, and the development of a Route Development Plan (RDP) which will include a list of projects for the next twenty years.

What We Heard from You

Here's what we heard from you at the community meetings regarding truck issues, held November 6, in White Salmon and Stevenson, Washington:

- You were concerned about out-of-state trucks and safety.
- Truck evasion of the Oregon Port of Entry (POE) at the Cascade Locks (weight mile tax avoidance) was one of your concerns.
- You requested a truck traffic count on SR 14 between 141 (ALT) and the Hood River Bridge.
- You suggested an optimal timing for the truck survey (spring is best, PM eastbound, 5:30 AM for westbound commuters on SR 14, and Sunday afternoon is peak recreational).
- You identified that weight restrictions on the Bridge of the Gods and the Hood River Bridge result in trucks using SR 14 west of the Bridge of the Gods.

These issues will be considered in the truck study to take place in the spring



We're on the Net

Now you can obtain planning reports and other Corridor Management Plan documents of interest electronically. As such documents are completed and made available to the public, you'll be able to access these documents from the WSDOT homepage.

Unsure when the next public meeting will be? Public meeting information can also be obtained by accessing our bulletin board at the following internet address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/regions/southwest>

Upcoming Public Events

The Corridor Management Planning effort continues with steering committee and public meetings scheduled on the following dates:

**Tuesday, March 18, 1997
Steering Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 1, 1997
Steering Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 22, 1997
Steering Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 6, 1997
Steering Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 21, 1997
Public Meeting**
Call 360-905-2014 for times and locations.

Questions or Comments?

Do you have questions or comments on the Corridor Management Plan or some aspect of it? Please write or call the following:

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We have compiled a mailing list for the SR 14 Corridor Management Projects from a number of sources. Please feel free to let us know if you do not wish to remain on this mailing list by calling 360-905-2058.

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